



## Sally's Summary

### Full Council Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**Community Infrastructure Levy** – a grant of £9,000 was made to Faringdon Football Club as a contribution towards costs of new mowing equipment.

Members received notification of CIL funds released to a total of £163,381.57. To ensure the money is spent in line with community need a discussion of FTC's values, focus and ambitions would be held at the next Strategic Working Party Meeting being held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Street Names** for phase two of the land south of Park Rd development would be chosen from the War Memorial, as well as a suggestion from a resident to honour former mayor Gwen Brickell.

**Nursery Provision Consultation** Members discussed letter from Faringdon Learning Trust regarding a consultation on the provision of new nursery places at the new Folly View Primary School. Before commenting they will ask for further clarification on the provision of nursery places in relation to primary intake.

FTC will take on the management of the **Faringdon Food Bank** and work in partnership with Churches Together on the operation of this much-needed service which is open Mon and Wed 10am to 12pm, in the Council offices.

It was agreed the Town Council proactively seek to achieve improvement in **cleanliness of the streets** in and around the Market Square, by liaising with VWHDC and OCC, encouraging residents and businesses, and raising awareness through publicity. This would be discussed further at the Town Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.

FTC will work towards achieving **Plastic Free Community Status**

### Facilities Committee Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Energy Audit** - Quotes for changing all lights in the Corn Exchange and in the Pump House to LED are being sought.

A partnership agreement with the **Friends of the Wilderness** was agreed

**Faringdon Art Society** were given a special hire rate for their exhibition in the Corn Exchange in October 2022.

**Town PA System** - a recommendation to purchase a system would be made to the Finance Committee along with the quotes.

**Live Music in the Corn Exchange** A pilot event will be organised, in consultation with local residents. It was also agreed that the recommendations made by Cllr Castle, including the possibility of soundproof curtains, be further investigated.

**Town Centre Planting** A plan will be drafted for more planters with full costings and maintenance plan for consideration at the next meeting. Bulbs will be planted in Town Park. Cllr. Swallow will visit areas owned by the District Council and discuss possible planting in these locations.



**New tables** are to be purchased for the Pump House from an earmarked reserve allocated for this purpose.

A new **Town Park Working Party** be created, in order to draft a plan to regenerate the park.

An audit of current **noticeboards**, followed by a plan for new boards and possible new locations with costings will be drafted for the next meeting.

A metal **Pink Pigeon recycling bin** will be sited Southampton Street Car Park

**Eagles Park** A recommendation to install a boules court in the park will be taken to the Finance Committee.

### Community and Partnerships Committee Wed 30<sup>th</sup> March

A **youth grant** of £3,000 for Be Free Young Carers, was agreed

FTC will support the next **record fair** on 7th May in the Old Town Hall.

**Markets** - FTC will continue to administer stalls on a Saturday and support the current management of the Tuesday market. It was agreed the council do not have capacity to organise further events but the community should be encouraged to get involved.

**Community Arts** -Draft plans for an artistic bench trail were received and a 'Faringdon Quarters' division for the trail themes was approved. The faringdon artistic bollards will be launched on 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Town Centre at 11am.

**Community Larder** – A massive 2.5 tons of fruit and vegetables have been saved from landfill since the larder started last year.

**Art Weeks** - A children's art exhibition in May 2023 in partnership with Art Weeks, potentially in the Corn Exchange, would be investigated by Cllr. Morgan. If you are interested in getting involved, please email [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Planning & Highways committee Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**7 Planning Applications** were considered.

Applications for the FAZE and Infant School sites have been submitted to be registered as '**Assets of Community Value.**'

If accepted the community will be given the time to put in an offer to purchase them.

**Welcome Signs** - Builders Ede will contribute £1200 towards the cost of gateway signs to Faringdon following the removal of the welcome wall when Stickley Court was built.

**Fernham Road Footpath** - The owners of a 'ransom strip' that is preventing a footpath from the Fernham Fields Estate to Fernham Rd will give permission for the footpath. OCC will consider paying for putting in the footpath if FTC pay the legal fees, estimated to be £1600, which was agreed. Members commented that footpaths such as this should not be paid for by the taxpayer in this way and there is a need for the District Council to anticipate paths being necessary on new developments.





**Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Look out for all the exciting events taking place in Faringdon.

**You can organise your own street party** - Packs will be offered to Faringdon residents for both street parties and Town Centre business window displays. If you would like a pack please contact us by 10<sup>th</sup> May

[adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

All over 90's are invited to attend our **Vintage Tea Dance** FREE of charge please get in touch to book a ticket.

**Vintage Bike Ride – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Dress up in vintage costume if you can and ride an old bike. Strictly no lycra or racing bikes! Meet at the Market Place for a 9am start, returning to the Market Place by 10.30. There will be a second ride setting off at 10.45 from the

Market Place which will return by 11.45. You can take part in both or either ride. Do come and join us - any queries, email [cycle@farcycles.org.uk](mailto:cycle@farcycles.org.uk)

**May Artist of the month**



Faringdon Information Centre is excited to welcome Folly & Wild as May's Artist of the month.

Established in October 2022 to produce cruelty free eco-friendly products, all candles and wax melts are vegan and soy free.

The range includes Reed diffusers, Candles, Wax Melts, Wax Melt Burners and Car Fresheners, all wrapped beautifully in leaf branded eco-friendly packaging.



During the spring seeded paper is used to help their customers grow beautiful wildflowers for the bees. Folly and Wild are working with a local company to produce more seeded paper to grow things later in the year. All containers are reusable, meaning not only are they helping the environment it's cheaper for a refill too!

All available to post nationwide, or free local delivery. Come along to the Information Centre to see and smell these fantastic fragranced products, we are open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays.

**WED 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 7pm TOWN MEETING and COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Come to the Corn Exchange to see the awards presented and to take part in the annual Town Meeting.

Topics such as parking, planning, climate, street cleanliness, nuclear disarmament and all things that affect Faringdon will be discussed.

**May Council Meetings - now Mondays at 7pm**

Links will be available on our website: [www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) and on social media.

There is always a section at our meetings where the public are invited to speak, so come along and have your say.

Full Council	9 <sup>th</sup> May
Finance and Audit	16 <sup>th</sup> May
Grants Sub	16 <sup>th</sup> May
Planning and Highways	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Trusts (Old Town Hall and Tuckers)	30 <sup>th</sup> May

**Art Weeks Old Town Hall 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 11am-2pm**



We are excited to showcase local artists, illustrators, sculptors, jewellery makers and glass artists at our newly refurbished Old Town Hall. Come and have a look!

**Decorated Bollards to be unveiled 14<sup>th</sup> May**



10 bollards with unique will be launched on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Schools, community groups and local artists have designed their own bollard based on themes that promote our town. A launch morning with music by the folk trio The Farriers, Vanda White and a DJ set kindly organised by Al Cane will take place Saturday

14<sup>th</sup> May 11am-1pm. Please join us.